

SEASON REPORT OF THE BANGALORE DISTRICT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1898.

Rainfall.—Nil.

State of the crops.—The standing crops were generally reported to be in fair condition. Vysakhi paddy and sugar-cane were sown and sugar-cane was harvested.

Public health.—Good.

Mortality.—There were 995 deaths in the month of January against 1,256 in the month preceding.

Cattle.—1,774 head of cattle died during the month; of this, 227 were killed by wild beasts.

Lands.—Lands assessed at Rs. 28,440 were taken up for cultivation.

B. K. VENKATAVARADAIENGAR, Dy. Commr.

PAPERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Extracts from the Diary of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Kadur district, for the week ending 23rd April 1898.

The clearing of the "lantana" at Santaveri and the removal of the manure heaps from the proximity of the travellers' bangalo, these have improved the sanitation of the village considerably. Both at Lingadahalli and in Dornahalli, the village sanitation has received the earnest attention of the Police and the Revenue authorities and heaps of cattle refuse that were visible everywhere in these villages have been carted away into the fields.

Deputy Commissioner's remarks.

Yes, but there still is great room for improvement. Santaveri is one of the dirtiest villages in the district.

"Ind" F. C.

Inspected the town in the morning in company with the Amildar. Saw the several streets in the town and was satisfied with the improvements made in many respects. The conservancy arrangements are working satisfactorily. The drains have been cleared and the tank from which the town draws its drinking water-supply is well guarded.

Deputy Commissioner's remarks.

The town seems very fairly clean. The filling in of the fort ditch and levelling off of the market place will greatly improve the sanitation of the town.

"Ind" F. C.

Visited Germardi and Bettadahalli outposts and the villages of Bettadahalli, Kornahalli and Chettnahalli. Found that in the two last mentioned villages, the instructions of the Plague Commissioner in the matter of improving the village sanitation have been carefully attended to. In Bettadahalli, the village itself was very clean, but owing to difficulties of conveying the manure heaps from the village site into the fields across the deep cutting of the railway line, the manure pits were left as they were. The complaint of the villagers was well founded and I therefore ordered the Patel and the villagers to cover the manure pits over with fresh earth till they can find easy means of removing the manure to the fields. The villagers set to work in my presence and before to-morrow evening they hope to carry out the instructions.

The following Telegram, dated 1st May 1898, is published for general information.

From the Resident in Mysore, Camp Ootacamund, to V. P. Madhava Rao, Esquire, Plague Commissioner in Mysore.

Home wires several local cases plague Calcutta.

Statement showing plague cases (Indigenous) in the Dharwar district for the 16th April 1898.

Places.	Indigenous.		Remarks.
	Cases.	Deaths.	
Previously reported	53	50	
Hubli Taluka Hubli	3	2	
Total	56	52	

Extract from the Diary of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Hassan district, for the week ending 23rd April 1898.

I visited 25 villages of Arkalgud and Holé-Narsipur taluks and found much improvement regarding sanitation, viz., removing manure from old pits to distant fields and keeping those pits clean and keeping the lanes, streets and surroundings of houses clean, whitewashing and plastering with mud to the walls of houses and taking care of water used for domestic purposes by prohibiting its pollution. Further I observed that the villagers are now in the habit of removing daily manure from their houses to distant fields instead of securing it in old pits situated close by their houses.

V. P. MADHAVA RAO,
Plague Commissioner in Mysore.